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Enclosed are the copies of the following documents:

1. The Written Opinion of the International application No. PCT/US98/18044;
2. EP No. 0 345 368;
3. Patent Abstracts of Japan, Publ. Date: 5/15/1990;
4. The International Search Report;
5. WO 97/16834, published on 5/9/1997;
6. Database WPI dated 7/15/1982 - Abstract Page;
7. EP 0756334, published on 1/29/1997;
8. EP 0455401, published on 6/11/1991; and
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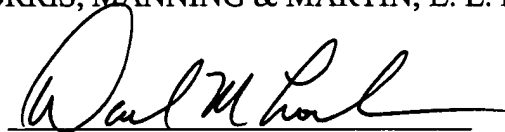
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Applicant submits that none of the cited references alone or in combination disclose or render obvious the subject matter claimed in the present application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to review each disclosure cited, and to reach his own independent determination of its materiality, if any.

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- Information Disclosure Statement
 - Form PTO-1449, including eight (8) references
 - a copy of Written Opinion based on PCT/US98/18044
 - a copy of the International Search Report
 - Certificate of Mailing under 37 CFR 1.8.
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